

HOUSE BILL 535

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 49 and Title 70.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is created a joint legislative study committee to study the issue of whether using a process similar to the process used by the judicial selection commission in selecting appellate judges would be beneficial to helping select members for the following boards and commissions: state board of education, board of regents, University of Tennessee board of trustees, higher education commission, and the wildlife resources commission.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of five (6) members as follows:

(1) Three (3) members of the house of representatives, at least two (2) of which serve on the government operations committee to be appointed by the speaker of the house; and

(2) Three (3) members of the senate, at least two (2) of which serve on the government operations committee to be appointed by the speaker of the senate.

SECTION 3. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the joint legislative study committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 4. All legislative members of the joint legislative study committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 5. The joint legislative study committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect from among its legislative membership a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 6. The joint legislative study committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly no later than February 15, 2011, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.